



Corrections Standards Authority

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Quarterly Activity Highlights

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Facilities Standards and Operations (FSO) Division

Facility Inspection Process: FSO staff **inspected 73 local adult facilities and 18 local juvenile facilities** for compliance with minimum standards outlined in Titles 15 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations. A total of 34 jails were also monitored for compliance with state and federal requirements governing adult facilities that detain juveniles.

Regulation Review Process: The CSA board adopted the revisions to Title 15 and Title 24 as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee and directed staff to commence with the **public comment period** for these regulations, which pertain to the construction and operation of local juvenile detention facilities.

Local Detention Facility Construction: The CSA paid approximately **\$13 million in construction grant** reimbursement funds to five California counties. These funds support the construction of local detention facilities such as the newly opened **40-bed juvenile hall in Siskiyou County**. Staff reviewed 11 sets of architectural plans for compliance with Title 15 and 24 regulations. Statute requires the CSA's review of plans and specifications for the construction or remodel of local detention facilities if the cost of the project exceeds \$15,000.

Other Activities: FSO staff provided training at the Northern Regional Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission Conference in Chico and participated in regional jail and juvenile facility manager meetings throughout the state, a national training conference for monitoring compliance with federal requirements for minors in adult facilities, and the California Conference of Local Health Officers meeting. In addition, staff is actively involved in CDCR's Avian Flu Pandemic Workgroup.

Corrections Planning and Programs (CPP) Division

Title II Formula Grants Program: The CSA approved the **annual application** developed by staff to secure these federal funds for California (approximately \$7.2 million in 2006). The application describes the juvenile justice system, analyzes crime statistics and trends, identifies priority issues for directing funds, and outlines the State's efforts to comply with the core requirements of the Title II Program.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC): The CSA's DMC coordinator worked with NCCD's expert consultants on the evaluation of the **Technical Assistance Project** that is underway in Alameda, Contra Costa and Ventura Counties. Staff also developed a proposal to **enhance the CSA's efforts to address DMC**, which is a core requirement for federal juvenile justice grant funds.

The Grizzly Youth Academy, one of 30 youth academy programs nationwide, has been chosen by the National Guard Bureau as the best all-around program in the nation. The academy, which helps troubled teens ages 16 to 18 years old, is chartered through the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education and supported with Title II funds.

Title V Community Prevention Grants Program: Staff conducted site visits of the seven funded projects and **released an application** to these grantees for **second year funding**. Assuming the availability of federal funds and continued project effectiveness, these grantees – the counties of San Diego, Fresno, Santa Cruz, San Joaquin and the cities of Hawthorne and Oakland (two projects) – will be eligible for a third and final year of funds. Staff prepared and submitted a federally required report addressing the administration of the 2004 and 2005 allocations to the state.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program: The **CSA approved the distribution of \$7.7 million** in unallocated funds to the Division of Juvenile Justice for various improvements to the juvenile justice system. Staff developed an application packet for **\$2.1 million in set-aside funds** that must be spent by November 30, 2006 and distributed it to the 27 eligible and interested counties. Staff also submitted the annual application to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to receive these federal funds (approximately \$4.3 million in 2006).

Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA): Staff **streamlined the annual application** counties must submit to receive JJCPA funds and provided technical assistance to counties as they began completing their applications and updating their Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plans, which are due to the CSA by May 1 of each year.

Juvenile Probation and Camps Funding (JPCF) Program: Staff continued working with counties in the development of program agreements and has **finalized agreements with 51 counties**, which enables them to submit invoices for the allocation that is paid on a reimbursable basis and, if the counties operate a juvenile camp, to receive a proportionate share of the camp-specific appropriation. Staff processed invoices totaling over \$76.7 million from the all-county appropriation and submitted claims for the disbursement of over \$7.4 million in camp funds.

Proud Parenting and Youth Centers/Shelters Programs: Staff **conducted 18 site visits** of youth centers and shelters to monitor contractual compliance and processed invoices totaling over \$212,000 for the 14 Proud Parenting projects. Staff continues to work with the Division of Juvenile Justice to **increase the number of parolees** participating in these projects through the provision of classes at local parole offices.

Other Activities: Staff participated in a “Next Steps” meeting held as a follow-up to an interactive workshop hosted last June by **Orange County Sheriff Mike Carona** as part of an initiative to identify best practices for reducing the criminalization of people with mental illness. Staff also delivered a Webcast presentation sponsored by the California Institute for Mental Health on CSA’s statewide evaluation of the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant program.

Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) Division

STC Training Manager’s Course: STC staff **presented Training Manager’s Courses** in January and February in Torrance and Sacramento. This six-hour course, which is designed for newly assigned staff who manage their department’s STC training program, provides assistance in the identification of training standards and reporting requirements related to Title 15 and STC policies and procedures.

Standards Setting for CDCR: During March, the **Job Families Research Project** was presented at the Personnel Testing Council of Northern California, a conference attended by researchers and practitioners in the field of human resources. This approach was well received among the attendees and will be utilized in the setting of standards for peace officer positions within CDCR.

Instructor Development Courses: Staff presented a 16-hour Instructor Development Course to over 75 attendees in **Sacramento, Kern and Imperial Counties** to assist departments in developing in-house instructors for their agencies. This course was also presented to members of the **Bay Area Training Officers Association**.

Core Instructor Development Course: STC staff presented this eight-hour course in January to the **Alameda County Sheriff’s Department** and in March to the **Santa Barbara County Probation Department**. This course provides assistance to core course instructors in meeting minimum curriculum requirements, developing lessons plans and writing test items during the planning of their core training courses.

Strategic Planning/Organizational Development Sessions: During January and February, STC staff returned to **Kern and Contra Costa County Probation Departments** to assist them in further developing the strategic plan for their respective organizations. STC staff also provided assistance in the area of organizational development to the **Marin County Probation Department**.

Calendar of Upcoming Events April – June 2006

April 6:	California Association of Probation Institution Administrators (CAPIA), Central Region, Kings County
April 9-13:	California State Sheriffs’ Association Annual Conference, Santa Clara County
April 13:	CAPIA, Northern Region, Santa Clara
April 20:	Core Instructor Development Course, Riverside County
April 24-28:	25 th Manager/Administrator Core Course (2 nd Session)
May 2, 9:	STC Instructor Development Course, San Bernardino County
May 3-4:	Core Instructor Development Course, Orange County
May 4:	CAPIA, Central Region, Mariposa County
May 10-11:	National Association of Counties, Western Interstate Region Conference, Sacramento
May 11:	CAPIA, Northern Region, Sonoma
May 16-17:	Chief Probation Officers of California, El Dorado County
May 17:	CSA Meeting, Napa
June 1:	CAPIA, Central Region, San Luis Obispo
June 9:	CAPIA, Southern Region, Orange County